

KIDSNET Update



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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health and follow up.

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KIDSNET Welcomes: Tides School, Main Road Family Medicine Center and Jamestown Family Practice

Newborn Summary: KIDSNET has recently added a Newborn Summary page that consolidates birth information for a child to a single page. It includes birth hospital, birth weight, immunizations given in the hospital, newborn hearing assessment results, newborn developmental risk assessment, home visiting agency (if any) and newborn bloodspot results. The page is accessed from the left hand menu near the top of the page. Providers can also run a newborn report for infants in their practice.

Chicken Pox: KIDSNET can now document that children have had chicken pox. Varicella vaccine will no longer be recommended for these children in KIDSNET and they will not appear on Missing Immunization lists for Varicella. Report children who have had chicken pox by sending the child's name, date of birth, KIDSNET ID and the date of disease (best estimate if no exact date) to KIDSNET for data entry.

Immunization Updates

CDC-Training: CDC's annual training update on immunization is on July 30. This 2 1/2 hour program provides a good summary of the latest changes in the immunization field. For information, visit:
<http://www2a.cdc.gov/phtn/immupdate2009/default.asp>.

Reinstatement of the Hib booster dose: On June 25, 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended a return to the full Hib immunization series, including the booster dose for all children 12 - 15 months of age. The CDC also recommends a phased approach to immunize toddlers whose booster dose was previously deferred. It is essential that health-care providers follow the CDC guidelines and not institute mass recall efforts to immunize children for whom the booster dose was previously deferred. These children should receive their booster dose at their next regularly scheduled medical visit.

While the CDC states there is sufficient Hib-containing vaccine to support the return to the full Hib immunization series, overall Hib supply is still constrained due to the mix of products available. Rhode Island will continue to supply ActHib. Pentacel will be re-introduced if RI's ActHib supply cannot meet the needs of our providers.

Rotavirus vaccine: Effective July 1, 2009 all rotavirus orders will be filled with Rotarix. If you have excess Rotateq vaccine please contact Paul McKiernan at 222-4639 to inform him of the quantity you have on hand. Paul will assist you in finding another practice that may need doses for completion of a patient's Rotateq series.

Hepatitis B: Hepatitis B continues to be monitored and allocated by the CDC. Rhode Island providers should not see any affect from this supply issue due to our ability to continually provide Pediarix. HEALTH will continue to prioritize our Hep B supply for the birthing hospitals, Pentacel recipients and other high-priority patients, respectively.

PPSV23 Administration: Those who have existing indications for PPSV23 (*pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine*) should continue to be vaccinated according to current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations during the outbreak of novel influenza A (H1N1). Emphasis should be placed on vaccinating people less than 65 years of age who have established high-risk conditions. Recent studies indicate that PPSV23 coverage in this cohort are not only low, but appear to be over represented among severe cases of novel influenza A (H1N1) infection.

VFC/SSV/KIDSNET Annual Enrollment: Vaccines for Children (VFC), State Supplied Vaccines (SSV), and KIDSNET annual enrollments were due by July 1, 2009. Only those practices who have completed enrollment will have their vaccine orders processed.

Immunization Report

In June 2009, the following **25** practices sent immunization history updates to KIDSNET after running the immunization report: **Allen Berry Health Center, Bayside Family Healthcare, Chaffee Health Center, Charles DeAngelis, M.D., Cheryl Flynn, M.D., Duane T. Golomb, M.D., East Bay Pediatrics, Family Health Services – Coventry, Fatima Health Center, Hillside Avenue, Kingstown Pediatrics, Meds Peds Hasbro, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, Northwest Health Center, Ocean State Pediatrics, Olneyville Health Center, P.R.I.M.A., Pediatric Associates, Portsmouth Pediatrics, Providence Community Health Center, Rainbow Peds Pedi, Riverside Pediatrics, Smithfield Pediatrics, Tri-Town Health Center and Westerly Pediatrics.**

Lead Screening Report

In June 2009, the following **36** pediatric practices ran the report for children never screened for lead poisoning: **Alpha Pediatrics, Bayside Family Healthcare, Inc., Children First Pediatrics, Concilio Pediatrics, Cumberland Pediatrics, Inc., Charles DeAngelis, M.D., Dante A. Ramos, M.D., East Bay Pediatrics, Everett Wilcox Center, Family Doctors of East Providence, Thomas L. Green, D.O., Michael J. Hayden, D.O., Jamestown Family Practice, Polly E. Leonard, D.O., Main Road Family Medicine Center, Mineral Spring Pediatrics, Mineral Spring Pediatrics – Cranston, Mineral Spring Pediatrics – Pawtucket, Mineral Spring Family Practice, Narragansett Bay Pediatrics, Northwest Health Center, Ocean State Pediatrics, Portsmouth Pediatrics, Inc., P.R.I.M.A., Thomas D. Puleo, M.D., L.L.C., Primary Care of Quality Hill, Providence Community Health Center, Rhode Island Family Care, Jennifer Souther, South Country Pediatric Group, Tri-Town Health Center, University Pediatrics, Wakefield Pediatrics, University Medicine - Warwick, Westerly Pediatrics and Wood River Health Services.**

If you need a training review to use these reports, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately immunized and screened for lead!